

REMARKS

Claims 3-8 have been canceled. Accordingly, claims 1-2 and 9-13 are currently pending in the application.

Priority

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's acknowledgment of the claim for foreign priority and receipt of the priority document.

35 U.S.C. §§102 and 103

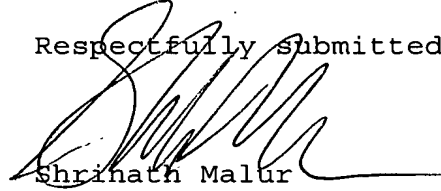
The rejection of claims 3-8 under 35 USC 102 and 103 has been rendered moot by the cancellation of claims 3-8 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants contend that the above-identified application is

now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and reexamination are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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